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SUBJ: SYRIAN MEDIA SUMMARY JANUARY 22, 1977

1. PRESS LED WITH FOREIGN PRESS COVERAGE PRES ASAD'S
JAN 21 SPEECH TO THE SMALL FARMER'S CONFERENCE IN DAMASCUS.
MEDIA ANNOUNCED CONVENING THIRD PLO CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING
WITHIN A MONTH UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP KHALED AL-FAHOUM WHICH WILL
BE ATTENDED BY ARAFAT AND MEMBERS OF PLO EXCOMM. FAHOUM
REPORTED AS SAYING "THE COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE DISCUSSING
FORMATION OF THE FIFTH PALESTINE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR ITS
THIRTEENTH SESSION, AND EXACT DATE OF ITS CONVENING. IT
WILL ALSO DISCUSS LATEST POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS OF PALESTINIAN
CAUSE ON THE ARAB AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS. IT WILL FURTHER
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DISCUSS THE CONTACTS THE PLO HELD WITH SOME ARAB REGIONS,
INCLUDING JORDAN."

2. IN SEPARATE INTERVIEW PROMINENTLY PUBLISHED ON FRONT PAGE
OF THAWRA, FAHUM MADE POINT THAT PLO SEEKING "OBJECTIVE RELATIONS"
WITH ALL ARAB STATES BASED ON THE RABAT RESOLUTIONS. HE
EXPLICITLY MENTIONED JORDAN AS STATE WHICH PLO WISHED TO

ESTABLISH SUCH RELATIONS IN ORDER PERMIT PLO TO "ASSUME ITS ROLE FOR SONS OF PALESTINE, ESPECIALLY OUR PEOPLE IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES..." HE FURTHER STATED IN REFERRING TO JORDAN AND OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, "WE HAVE TO BUTTRESS THEIR STEADFASTNESS (PALESTINIANS UNDER OCCUPATION).... THIS REQUIRES A GREAT ARAB EFFORT, ... PARTICULARLY (FROM) JORDAN." FAHOUM ALSO CLAIMED THAT DURING HIS RECENT TRIP TO JORDAN HE AND OTHER DELEGATION MEMBERS MET WITH HUNDREDS OF PALESTINIANS WHO WERE "UNANIMOUS" IN THEIR SUPPORT OF PLO. HE ALSO ADMITTED TO LARGE NUMBER OF CONTACTS WITH JORDANIAN OFFICIALS IN ADDITION TO HIS MEETING WITH KING HUSSEIN. HE CLAIMED THESE CONTACTS WERE "OBJECTIVE AND FAVORABLE."

3. ARTICLE ON WALDHEIM TOUR QUOTED POLITICAL SOURCES AS CLAIMING THAT UNDERSTANDING EXISTS AMONG ARAB CAPITALS OVER NUMBER OF POINTS WHICH REVOLVE AROUND CONCEPT OF WARNING WALDHEIM AGAINST ISRAELI ATTITUDE WHICH EMPLOYS DELAYING TACTICS TO EVADE PEACE SETTLEMENT.

4. PRESS REPORTED RECONVENING OF QUADRIPARTITE COMMITTEE IN BEIRUT MORNING JAN 22. INFORMED SOURCES QUOTED TO EFFECT THAT CAIRO AGREEMENT CONCLUDED IN 1969 WILL BE SUBJECT OF DETAILED STUDY DURING THIS WEEK. SAME SOURCES SAID THAT PALESTINIAN AND LEBANESE REPS WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN STUDY WHICH WILL PRESENT ITS FINDINGS TO QUADRIPARTITE COMMITTEE ON JAN 29.

5. PRESS GAVE SOMEWHAT MORE COVERAGE TO EGYPTIAN RIOTS. PRESS SAID ASAD HAD TELEPHONED SADAT AND WAS ASSURED THAT "CALMNESS UNCLASSIFIED

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AND NORMALCY" HAVE BEEN RESTORED. PRESS CLAIMED ASAD MADE SIMILAR CALL TO SADAT ON WEDNESDAY JAN 19.
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